

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-00300-TJK**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge Timothy J. Kelly  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/09/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/09/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5325982) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons for U.S. Attorney for DC, # <u>3</u> Summons for U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons for U.S. Department of State)(Fedeli, Chris) (Entered: 02/09/2018)
02/09/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Fedeli, Chris) (Entered: 02/09/2018)
02/09/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Timothy J. Kelly. (zsb) (Entered: 02/09/2018)

02/09/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 02/09/2018)
02/20/2018	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 2/20/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 3/22/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 02/20/18., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 2/20/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1 (U.S. Attorney for DC), # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2 (U.S. Attorney General), # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3 (U.S. Department of State))(Fedeli, Chris) (Entered: 02/20/2018)
03/22/2018	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Sus, Nikhel) Modified to add link on 3/23/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 03/22/2018)
04/03/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by April 20, 2018. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 4/3/2018. (lctjk3) (Entered: 04/03/2018)
04/03/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 4/20/2018. (kh) (Entered: 04/03/2018)
04/19/2018	<u>6</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT and Proposed Schedule by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 04/19/2018)
04/23/2018		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>6</u> Joint Status Report filed by the parties and the representations therein, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant will issue a final response to Plaintiff's FOIA request by May 4, 2018. It is furthered ORDERED that Defendant will file any motion for summary judgment by June 20, 2018; Plaintiff will file any cross-motion for summary judgment and opposition to Defendant's motion for summary judgment by July 20, 2018; Defendant will file its reply in support of any summary judgment motion and opposition to Plaintiff's cross-motion by August 10, 2018; and Plaintiff will file its reply in support of any cross-motion by August 31, 2018. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 4/23/2018. (lctjk3) (Entered: 04/23/2018)
04/24/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant's response to Plaintiff's FOIA request due by 5/4/2018. Defendant's Summary Judgment motion due by 6/20/2018. Plaintiff's Response to Motion for Summary Judgment and Cross Motion due by 7/20/2018. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment and Response to Cross Motion due by 8/10/2018. Reply to Cross Motion due by 8/31/2018. (kh) (Entered: 04/24/2018)
06/15/2018	<u>7</u>	Consent MOTION to Modify Briefing Schedule by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 06/15/2018)
06/18/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's <u>7</u> Consent Motion to Modify Briefing Schedule. It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall file any motion for summary judgment by June 27, 2018; Plaintiff shall file any cross-motion for summary judgment and opposition to Defendant's motion for summary judgment by July 27, 2018; Defendant shall file its reply in support of any summary judgment motion and opposition to Plaintiff's cross-motion by August 24, 2018; and Plaintiff shall file its reply in support of any cross-motion by September 21, 2018. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 6/18/2018. (lctjk3) (Entered: 06/18/2018)
06/27/2018	<u>8</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration Brown Declaration, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Exhibit A, # <u>3</u> Exhibit Exhibit B, # <u>4</u> Exhibit Exhibit C, # <u>5</u> Text of Proposed Order Proposed Order)(Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 06/27/2018)
07/26/2018	<u>9</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Fedeli, Chris) (Entered: 07/26/2018)
07/26/2018	<u>10</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>8</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts)(Fedeli, Chris) (Entered: 07/26/2018)

08/24/2018	<u>11</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>8</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment ( <i>with Response to Statement of Facts</i> ) filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 08/24/2018)
08/24/2018	<u>12</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>2</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment ( <i>with Response to Statement of Facts</i> ) filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 08/24/2018)
09/13/2018	<u>13</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>2</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Fedeli, Chris) (Entered: 09/13/2018)
09/24/2018	<u>14</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Kari E. D'Ottavio on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (D'Ottavio, Kari) (Entered: 09/24/2018)
09/25/2018	<u>15</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. Attorney Nikhel Sus terminated. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
10/09/2018	<u>16</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by Kari E. D'Ottavio (D'Ottavio, Kari) (Entered: 10/09/2018)
03/13/2019	<u>17</u>	ORDER granting Defendant's <u>8</u> Motion for Summary Judgment and denying Plaintiff's <u>2</u> Motion for Summary Judgment. This is a final, appealable Order. The Clerk of Court is directed to close the case. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 3/13/2019. (lctjk3) (Entered: 03/13/2019)
03/13/2019	<u>18</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION in support of <u>17</u> Order granting Defendant's <u>8</u> Motion for Summary Judgment and denying Plaintiff's <u>2</u> Motion for Summary Judgment. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 3/13/2019. (lctjk3) (Entered: 03/13/2019)